



# Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

**Date:** Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Art Room, Mount Pleasant Community Centre

**Present:** Anita R., President  
Gary R., Vice President  
Margery D., Secretary  
Joanna F., Board Member  
Thomas F., Member At Large  
Michael D., Board Member  
Rod H., Board Member  
Jim B., Board Member  
Claire W., Board Member  
Valentina P., Board Member  
Meghan M., Board Member

**Staff:** Jennifer T., Community Recreation Supervisor

**Guests:** John Irwin, Park Board Commissioner  
Jessica Land, Manager of Recreation Services  
Carol White, Guest

**Absent:**

**Recorder:** Gary C., Administrative Assistant

**Regrets:** Christopher R., Past President  
David F., Treasurer  
Maja J., Board Member  
David C., Board Member  
Rebecca D., Board Member  
Kim Hempler, Child Care Manager

I **Call to Order:** at 6:40 PM by presiding officer Anita R.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

III **MDI Presentation – Jessica Land**

- Jessica Land, Manager of Recreation Services, presents 360 programming to the Board. 360 programming is about getting everybody involved, regardless of their barriers. It looks at who is not using our facilities or participating in our program and figuring out how to get those people involved. Staff are encouraged to look at lens of those who are LGBTQ, indigenous, poverty, refugees and homeless.
- MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) and EDI (Early Development Instrument) are self-report questionnaires completed by children. It asks them how they think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. Questionnaires are completed during class time under supervision. It has been proven that the responses from children are just as valid as adult responses. It looks at trends and how children are doing over time. The MDI and EDI measures many dimensions: social-emotional development, school experiences, connectedness, constructive use of time and physical health and well-being. Both instruments provide important information that can help guide programming at community centres. When individuals feel connected to their community and there is a sense of belonging, they do better.
- The Board thanks Jessica Land for her time and presentation.

IV **Approval of Minutes from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Jim**

THAT the Board meeting minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 are adopted.

**CARRIED**

## V Park Board Commissioner's Report

- The motion, moved by John Irwin, was passed to ensure that the VanSplash Advisory Group only considers possible future expansion and improvement of aquatic facilities. There are many reasons for this motion, such as the demand for local community access to aquatics, increasingly hot summers, reducing emissions and traffic in the city and the importance of having local pool facilities. John will look at funding for the pool at Mount Pleasant, there may be some in the contingency plan. Margery thanks John for his motion.
- The request for \$610,000 has been received and City Council has provided that amount to hire more gardeners. This will allow more effort and focus on beautifying parks around the city.
- Motion for a feasibility study to allow alcohol consumption in parks and beaches has passed. Before selecting sites for the trial, a study must be done first.
- The Vancouver Park Board has endorsed the #AllOnBoard campaign for no transit fares for youth. A letter will be written to ask the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the Board of Directors of TransLink, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to develop a plan that would allow free public transit for minors and reduced price for low income earners. In addition, a separate letter will be sent address ticketing youth and adults for fare evasion. If transit is free or reduced, it would be one less barrier for people who wish to use the City's facilities, parks and beaches.
- The track and field strategy is working with Vancouver School Board to develop a long range strategy for track and field sports and facilities in Vancouver.
- There have been residents in the area who have requested calisthenics elements in Guelph park.

## VI Financials

- Preschool registration is going up, but children and teen is dropping. Adult programs and overall program registration is doing well. There was a substantial difference between 2018 and 2017 revenue for the Childcare, but Kim has explained that it was due to funding arriving one month later. Currently, 3 corners registration is down slightly and it is currently being investigated. Things are on track and as anticipated.
- Each year there is needs to be more money placed in reviving the Association assets for situations such as a major maintenance. David is waiting for the auditor's reply to see how much money is needed to set aside for the contingency plan.

The Group 1 invoice was circulated with a breakdown of the costs. The Association funds for extra hours of staff or programs and extended hours of the centre. The invoice and costs have been scrutinized by the Executive Committee and it has been recommended that the invoice be paid.

**Moved by: Gary / Seconded by: Margery**

THAT THE BOARD approves payment of the October – December Group 1 invoice of \$51992.37.

**CARRIED**

## VII Committee Reports

### A. Childcare Committee

- There have been 2 meetings with staff regarding the roll out of the strategic plan. There was good feedback received from staff. Subsequent to the meeting, at the Childcare Committee meeting, there was a large delegation of staff who shared their ideas regarding recruitment and retention issues. There will be a customer meeting to discuss the roll out of the strategic plan and steps that must be taken to remain competitive and retain quality staff.
- The Administrative Assistant covering for a maternity leave is on medical leave. There is uncertainty surrounding her return, so a search for a replacement is underway. One of the 3 Corners Program Supervisors is away on maternity leave and her position will be covered by another staff member who has been with the program since September 2017.

### B. Pool Committee

- The Pool Committee wants to express appreciation for John Irwin and his recent motion. It has been repeated that there is no money allocated in the current Capital Plan for the pool, but there are ways to move funds around. Mount Pleasant Pool is not in the capital plan due to a procedural glitch. Commissioners do want to make it right and John has stated that he will look into where funds may be available. The Committee remains optimistic that it can happen in the current capital plan.

### C. Community Outreach Committee

- Megan and Thomas were discussing the campaign to raise funds for the Dude. The funding for the campaign is slowly evolving. With Megan being on the Board and having a connection with the BIA, it opens up more possibilities to fundraising and partnering with other businesses. Four pages of ideas were compiled by Megan, Alex and Thomas relating to fundraising. The details of the event are still in the infancy stages, but would like to get something going by spring.

### D. Park Committee

- Both Chris and Rod will be part of Park Committee.

### E. Program Committee

- No report.

### F. Executive Committee

- Thomas, Margery, Michael and Claire will be attending Bacio Rosso on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Program Committee meeting has been moved to the following Wednesday.
- At the Association Presidents Group meeting, Jessica Land was present as the Park Board representative. There have been discussions between Vancouver School Board and Park Board. Hopefully through these discussions, there will be a stronger link. There will a governance workshop meeting available for members to attend. There will be one or two sessions offered.
- Applications for the Summer Jobs Grant will be submitted separately between the Childcare and youth.
- Front line staff are starting to wear vests from Park Board. All front line staff will be provided a vest and a pin of the Association logo of the centre that they work at.
- Thomas saw a large Park Board sign erected on Cornwall and Cypress promoting pools. The structure was approximately 10ft by 8ft. Thomas would like to see if it is feasible to have a similar sign at Mount Pleasant Community Centre promoting the Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool. The centre sits in front of a busy intersection and it would be a perfect opportunity to promote to the public. Any plans for signage be withheld until the VanSplash Advisory Group presents their plan for communication

## VIII Staff Report

- Park Board received feedback regarding registration times, which is currently set at 9:00AM. An alternate time that is being considered is 7PM on weekends. The staff team at Mount Pleasant are looking at moving registration to Saturday at 9AM for the spring.
- Diana started on January 7<sup>th</sup>, but will be leaving for a conference at the end of January and will be returning at the beginning of February.

## IX President's Report

- No report.

## X New Business

## XI Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm. Next Board meeting to be scheduled on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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